

**571—12.17(455A) Appeals.** Appeals to the decisions on grant awards shall be filed with the director of the department. The letter of appeal shall be filed within ten working days of receipt of notice of decision and shall be based on a contention that the process was arbitrary; conducted outside of statutory authority; violated state or federal law, policy, or rule; did not provide adequate public notice or was altered without adequate public notice; or involved conflict of interest by staff or board members. The director of the department shall notify the board of the appeal. The board may submit evidence in support of its decision within ten days of notice from the director. The director shall issue a decision within a reasonable time following receipt of the appeal.